

I STRONGLY OPPOSE docket #M.B. 02-277 proposed liberalization of the ownership concentration rules which would allow for one media conglomerate to control up to 45% of the public airways in any one market.

We live in Sacramento, CA where Clear Channel Broadcasting owns the two talk radio formats - KFBK, 1530 AM & KSTE, 650 AM. All the talk show personalities on these two Clear Channel Broadcasting stations have a consistent political agenda. Several of the radio stations personalities publicly ridicule opposing points on view.

On KFBK there is Rush Limbaugh in the mornings, Monday through Saturday from 9:00am to Noon. In the evenings there is Mark Williams from 7:00pm to 10:00pm with his "War Room" talk show where callers who disagree are publicly belittled.

On KSTE in the mornings their is The Armstrong and Getty Show along with the Glenn Beck show covering 7:00am to Noon. Then in the late afternoon from 4:00pm to 7:00pm there is Michael Savage the so-called "Compassionate Conservative..." with his outright lies about historical facts and verbal tirades when anyone opposes his perspective.

Since Clear Channel Broadcasting owns the talk show air waves in Sacramento, the state capitol of California, I think that just might have an impact on the impartiality of the state's elected and appointed officials as well as salaried state employees. If someone in state government opposes the political point of view of the two Clear Channel Broadcasting stations there is a VERY STRONG possibility that you will be riddiculed from 7:00 am to 10:00pm on the two talk radio stations with a combined listnership that is largest in the local SMSA.

Thus from the early morning until the the late evening the two Clear Channel Broadcasting talk radio stations have a VERY specific political axe to grind.

And let us not forget that Sacramento, CA is already a one newspaper town, where McClatchy Company owns the Sacramento Bee.

Please explain to me how a greater concentration of radio station ownership will foster the development of diverse radio personalities?

NO PLACE in Sacramento, CA is an opposing point of view giving the public radio airways on the AM bandwidth. Yes, the management of both the local Clear channel Broadcasting radio stations say that they cannot find anyone with enough listener interest to put them on the air. But who is honestly going to hire any newcomer if they disagree with the nation-wide corporate management of over 1,200 radio stations whose stated corporate aim is also scooping up all the spanish speaking stations in the United States?

Certainly sounds, to me, like the proposed FCC rule change is aimed at fostering a climate for a monopoly or cartel is the sole aim of the rule changes.

If I am wrong, please explain to me how the public radio airways are going to be improved by a greater concentration of ownership?

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